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Por. Dec. May 24/1868

My Darling Aunt.

I missed you long looked for letters last night and was
delighted to hear from you but was very sorry to hear of your illness hope before this
reaches you that you will be entirely well. We all was just as anxious about you
as we could be and could not imagine what kept you from writing as I had
written to you repeatedly also Gladie she wrote to you yesterday and gave you
all of the news I also wrote to uncle George I have written to him three times
but have not received a line from him he wrote to Pa and told him to tell
me if I would write to him he would take pleasure in writing to me but I
am so afraid I will annoy him with my uninteresting letters Well Aunt -
I guess Gladie has told you all about the Yankee raid to Portland it has been
over a month since they made the second raid down here we are now
living in Yankee land as they say this time extends as far as Okeana. I will
tell you how they acted the second raid in the first place they got in town
Sunday evening between 9 and 10 o'clock laid in town and behaved as wild
as they knew how to behave open all of the store doors and burn what few goods

there was into the street - came on down the Heaton road and Aunt May had
just heard about them being in Town and was just sending her wagons of val-
ables off and before they could get out of sight they came dashing to the wagons -
and captured them took nearly all of her jewelry & ornaments and some coin and
other money her two carriage horses and a number horses just about dusk the whole
clan came galloping into our yard and camped here all night they destroyed
every thing that they could get their hands on we had fire coals in the house
and all of the other officers & cur spent such a night in my life killed all
of our turkeys and chickens a few escaped that they did not find & I heard
of horses & oxen and foals of the big men off in the street but did come back
a good number into the cellar drank a barrel of corn and a bag full of dog
bathes of potatoes and some cans of beefsteak took nearly all of our meat & corn
I never saw such destruction in my life, the thief said they did not use
in town they did not come any farther than the English old place they came
to your house took the corn and beer & Edwards young man also drives there
that was down a few days ago and says one went in to all of the cranes looking
for arms the others each laid down night dinner was ready Aunt May says
says Edwards says they would not have found the horses if Charles had not
told they left the broken down corn and said that would do it on the
crop they left some broken down horses here and Pag man the time in flour
and the Edwards house is there so they are coming from plough all of the
wagons are driving just as well as they can do and seem happy and
content and the crop look is fine or much can see much inside to
you must not fear about them going off I don't think they have an idea
of going they still think you will be at home soon I would give to see
but then I know how wise all you could be you are not over there

There was quite excitement in town Sunday occasioned by some Yule morning
and some Missouri families simply because they were rebels and had
knobheads in our army they destroyed my string they possessed excepting one
small trunk of clothes and 200 dollars worth quartermaster they had Gen. Kent wife
along and a old man was as white as cut in prison 2 months they took
him down to the railroad and left them they will bring some more things
in a few days so they said. Aunt Mary Jennie was down here day before yes-
terday both girls well cousin Emma was at home and remains in street
cousin he has gone back to his command. I presume you have heard of Gen
Don Smith he was killed by a man by the name of John Peters for being
too intimate with his wife and will receive him very soon. He was like
me. Love Thomas well every person seems to wonder for him so he was a foolish
with all. Aunt Lou if it will not trouble you too much please get one
his Photograph I will pay any price for it you can keep it until you are
home or send it by some one. I wish it so much don't forget it please.
I have not seen any of the Muller family in some time but guess they all are
well. I have been busy knitting for Ed him + George and would send the
sacks if I had any way to send them Give my best love to uncle Wm ugh
George and Eddie I wish he would visit. Mr. P. and send a great
deal of love to you and uncle ugh George + Eddie I will visit again
soon if I can and the rounds don't get down here Love to our intimate
Miss immediately Love to all again Sunday

Your devoted one

Anna



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Long. Side. P. O.

~~Richmond~~ Virginia